

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated December 13, 2006. Claims 1, 5, 16 to 22, 26, 37 to 43, 46 and 49 to 56 are in the application, of which Claims 1, 22, 43 and 46 are independent. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 5, 16 to 22, 26, 37 to 43, 46 and 49 to 56 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over JP 2000-259563 (Yuichi). The rejections are respectfully traversed and the Examiner is requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in light of the following comments. In this regard, Applicants are submitting herewith an Information Disclosure Statement to provide an English language translation of Yuichi for the Examiner to review and obtain a better understanding of the deficiencies of the reference.

According to the invention, a communication controller in a device sends data for enabling a browsing software to display a list of a plurality of languages that are selectable in the device so the user can select a language from the list to be used in a message. The device receives data of the user's selected language, and creates and sends a message based on information concerning the device (e.g., a state of the device), in the language selected by the user. As a result, the device can be set-up to send status messages to each user based on the user's preferred language.

Referring specifically to the claims, amended independent Claim 1 is directed to a communication controller for controlling communication between an apparatus and a network, comprising a data sending unit that sends, onto the network, data for enabling a browsing software to display a list of a plurality of languages which are selectable in the communication controller so as to allow a user to select a language from

the list to be used in a message to be sent, a receiving unit that receives, from the network, language data indicating a language selected by the user from the list, an obtaining unit that obtains information concerning the apparatus, a message creating unit that creates a message to be sent, based on the information obtained by the obtaining unit, in the language indicated by the language data received by the receiving unit, and a sending unit that sends the message created by the message creating unit onto the network.

Claim 22 is an apparatus claim, Claim 43 is a method claim, and Claim 46 is a computer medium claim, each of which include features substantially corresponding to Claim 1.

The applied art of Yuichi is not seen to disclose or to suggest the features of the present invention, and in particular, is not seen to disclose or to suggest at least the features of a communication controller/apparatus sending, onto a network, data for enabling a browsing software to display a list of a plurality of languages which are selectable in the communication controller/apparatus so as to allow a user to select a language from the list to be used in a message to be sent, and creating a message to be sent, based on obtained information concerning the apparatus, in a language indicated by received language data that includes the user's selected language.

Yuichi discloses in Fig. 2 that the language selecting means 350 is included in the server 300, which creates a message and then notifies the relevant message to a notification-destination client terminal, and the language selecting means 350 selects the language of the notification-destination client terminal as the language to be used in the message. However, in Yuichi, there is some restriction in the language to be used in the message, that is, all the languages can not be arbitrarily selected by a user. For example, in

Yuichi, if the server 300 can only deal with the English and Japanese languages, and the notification-destination client terminal deals with French, the server 300 cannot select the French language, and as a result, a message is not transmitted. Moreover, assuming arguendo a user of Yuichi wanted to select one of the English or Japanese languages, he cannot properly select it because a list of languages is not provided to him. The invention resolves these problems by providing a list of a plurality of languages for the user to select from. Thus, Yuichi is not seen to disclose or to suggest at least the features of a communication controller/apparatus sending, onto a network, data for enabling a browsing software to display a list of a plurality of languages which are selectable in the communication controller/apparatus so as to allow a user to select a language from the list to be used in a message to be sent, and creating a message to be sent, based on obtained information concerning the apparatus, in a language indicated by received language data that includes the user's selected language.

In view of the foregoing deficiencies of the applied art, independent Claims 1, 22, 43 and 46, as well as the claims dependent therefrom, are believed to be allowable.

No other matters having been raised, the entire application is believed to be in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

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